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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2612

00865.004346.1 (865.4346 CIP)

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: James M. Hannett
Kazuhiro NOGUCHI, et al.	)	
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Appln. No.: 09/844,274	)	
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Filed: April 30, 2001	)	
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For: VARIABLE MAGNIFICATION	)	February 24, 2006
LENS HAVING IMAGE	:	
STABILIZING FUNCTION	)	

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FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are enclosed.

### REMARKS

The following documents were cited in a Japanese Official Action of a foreign counterpart application (Japanese Patent Application No. 10-80208) corresponding to the above-referenced application:

- (1) Hei 06-202185;
- (2) Hei 01-134420;
- (3) Hei 09-281545;
- (4) Hei 09-222628; and
- (5) Hei 04-020941.

English-language Abstracts for the Japanese documents were obtained from a commercial database and are also enclosed. Applicants respectfully submit that US 4,907,868 and US 5,479,236 correspond to Documents (2) and (5), respectively.

Also, a Communication was received in a foreign counterpart application corresponding to the above-referenced application. The Communication is dated September 2, 2003. A copy of the Communication is enclosed. The Communication mentions, inter alia, the full-open aperture diameter.

### FORMAL MATTERS

Any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

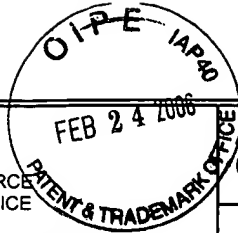


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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		<b>4,907,868</b>	<b>03/13/1990</b>	<b>Kitagishi, et al.</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>463</b>	
		<b>5,479,236</b>	<b>12/26/1995</b>	<b>Tanaka</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>430</b>	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		<b>6-202185</b>	<b>07/22/1994</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
		<b>1-134420</b>	<b>05/26/1989</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
		<b>9-281545</b>	<b>10/31/1997</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
		<b>9-222628</b>	<b>08/26/1997</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
		<b>4-20941</b>	<b>01/24/1992</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
		<b>September 2, 2003 Communication in EP 99 104 874.5</b>					
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